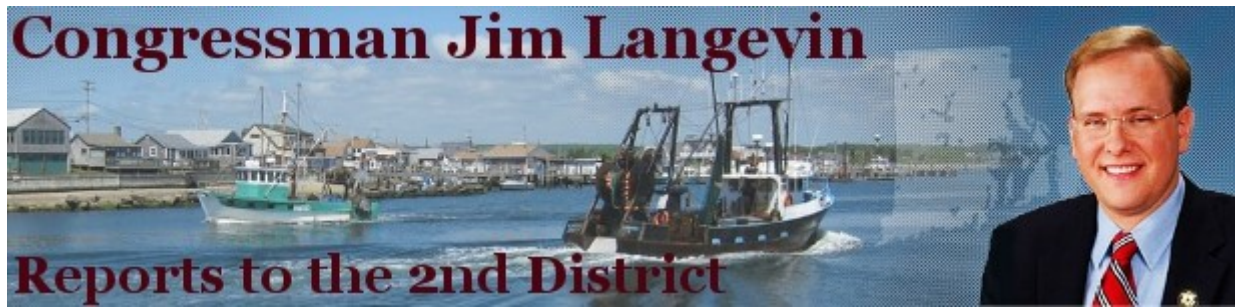


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July 12, 2018

Battling the Opioid Overdose Crisis



Dear Friends,

Rhode Island has been hit hard by the opioid overdose epidemic. According to the latest assessment from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Rhode Island has [the ninth highest drug overdose death rate](#) of any state. This public health crisis is affecting Rhode Islanders of all backgrounds and in every community across the state.

The good news is that Congress has recognized the need to tackle this issue. In fact, [the House recently passed my bill to better combat trafficking of fentanyl](#), an extremely powerful synthetic opioid that is responsible for many of the deaths in our state. [My bipartisan legislation](#) establishes a Joint Task Force at the Department of Homeland Security to increase coordination within the Department and with public and private sector partners in order to stop the inflow of opioids before they cross our border.

Keeping Chinese-made fentanyl out of the country is critical, but ultimately, battling the epidemic will require a multi-pronged

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approach that also emphasizes recovery and treatment programs. Congress recently changed a key federal opioid funding allocation formula to set aside additional funding for states that have been hardest hit. As a result of this change, Senator Reed, Senator Whitehouse, Congressman Cicilline, and I were able to announce [an increase of over \\$10 million in federal funding for Rhode Island's efforts to combat the epidemic](#). Specifically, the funds will be used to increase access to medication-assisted treatment and to support other recovery programs for those battling opioid addiction.

There is a lot of work left to do before we can put this public health crisis behind us. Until then, fighting for the necessary resources and developing the right policy solutions to protect our communities will remain one of my top priorities.

Keep up with all of my efforts to combat the opioid overdose epidemic and many other issues on [my website](#) and by following me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



Cyber Aware

Cybersecurity is something that affects each of us. Society is becoming increasingly connected to the Internet, and it is more important than ever to practice safe habits online. As co-founder and co-chair of the Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus, I am doing all that I can to raise awareness of this critical issue. Recently, I joined State Cybersecurity Officer Mike Steinmetz, RI State Police Computer Crimes Unit Captain John Alfred, and John Martin from AARP Rhode Island for a [cybersecurity outreach event](#) at Warwick's Pilgrim Senior Center to offer tips for online protection.



Keeping Families Together

My office has received countless calls and emails in response to the family separation crisis at the southern border. [I spoke on the House floor condemning this policy](#) and called for its immediate end. While the separation policy has since ended, thousands of families have yet to be reunited. As a member of the Committee on

Rep. Langevin supported the passage of the Fiscal Year 2019 Defense Appropriations Act, which contains a 2.6 percent pay increase for service members. >>

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Rep. Langevin introduced bipartisan legislation to improve disaster planning processes for people with disabilities. >>

HONORING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Twenty-one Rhode Island small businesses were honored by the Small Business Administration, including a handful nominated by Rep. Langevin: The Worm Ladies of Charlestown, the Stoney Hill Cattle Farm, and Jade Manufacturing. >>

PROTECTING ADOPTED CHILDREN

Rep. Langevin introduced bipartisan legislation to stem the abandonment of adopted children with strangers, a dangerous practice known as rehoming. >>

LUNCHING LOCAL

As part of his ongoing efforts to engage with constituents in a one-on-one setting, Rep. Langevin hosted his quarterly "Lunch with Langevin" event in Johnston. >>

PREVENTING GUN VIOLENCE

On the second anniversary of the Pulse nightclub shooting, Rep. Langevin introduced the Keeping Gun Dealers Honest Act to strengthen accountability measures for gun dealers who engage in illegal sales practices. >>

Homeland Security, I joined my colleagues in sending a letter to DHS Secretary Nielsen demanding answers on the reunification process.

FIGHTING FIRES

Nine new North Kingstown firefighters were recently sworn in as a result of a federal grant award supported by Rep. Langevin and his colleagues in the Congressional delegation. >>

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